

Joint Committee Meetings

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Subcommittee on Agreements for Cooperation held an executive session for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Atomic Energy Act regarding exchange of information and materials. Participating in this session were Chairman Lewis L. Strauss and other officials of the AEC.

PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee continued its hearings on the President's Economic Report, with a

panel discussion today on the interpretation and policy implications of the current economic outlook. Witnesses heard were Manuel Helzer, National Planning Association; James Duesenberry, professor, department of economics, Harvard University; Walter D. Fackler, economic research department, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Martin R. Gainsbrugh, chief economist, National Industrial Conference Board; Jewell J. Rasmussen, professor, department of economics, University of Utah; and Stanley Ruttenberg, director, department of research, AFL-CIO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Thursday, January 30, 1958

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses received Presidential message on reciprocal trade extension.

Senate passed Air Force construction bill.

House passed bill on life-insurance company taxation.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: 8 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3187-3194; and S. Con. Res. 59.

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Bill Reported: Report was made as follows: Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Tax Problems of Small Business" (S. Rept. 1237).

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President's Message—Reciprocal Trade: Message from President transmitting his recommendations for continuation of the reciprocal trade agreements program until June 30, 1963, was received and read—referred to Committee on Finance.

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Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Air Force Construction: Senate passed with amendments H. R. 9739, authorizing supplemental Air Force construction for fiscal 1958. Prior to this action Senate adopted committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which had been further amended by adoption of an amendment by Senator Stennis of a technical, corrective nature.

Senate insisted on its amendments, asked for conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Russell, Stennis, Jackson, Saltonstall, and Case of South Dakota.

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Army Airplane Flight: Senate considered but did not complete action on H. R. 6078, to erect suitable markers at Fort Myer, Va., to commemorate the first flight of an airplane on an Army installation.

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Committee Assignments: Senator Carroll was excused from further service on Committee on Public Works and was assigned to Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Yarborough was assigned to Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

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Treaties Received: Convention between U. S. and Belgium, supplementing convention of October 28, 1948, for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to income taxes, signed at Washington August 22, 1957, was received and referred to Committee on Foreign Relations (Ex. B, 85th Cong., 2d sess.).

Notification given by United Kingdom and Northern Ireland with view to extending to certain British overseas territories the application of convention of April 16, 1945, for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to income taxes, was received and referred to Committee on Foreign Relations (Ex. C, 85th Cong., 2d sess.).

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Confirmations: 126 civilian nominations were confirmed, including those of U. Alexis Johnson, of California, to be Ambassador to Thailand, and Anthony F. Arpaia, of Connecticut, Rupert L. Murphy, of Georgia, and Abe McGregor Goff, of Idaho, to be Interstate Commerce Commissioners.

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Recess: Recessed at 4:44 p. m.

Committee Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded its executive hearings on H. R. 10146, fiscal 1958 supplemental appropriations for the Defense Department, with testimony in behalf of funds for their Department from Secretary James H. Douglas and Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, both of the Air Force.

Committee will hold an executive session tomorrow to mark up this bill.

ADMINISTERED PRICES

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee continued its hearings on administered prices in the auto industry, hearing testimony from Harlow Curtice, president, General Motors Corp.

Hearings continue tomorrow with further testimony from Mr. Curtice.

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing its hearings on the subject of science and education for

national defense, committee heard testimony from Dr. Edward Teller, physicist, Radiation Laboratory, University of California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT INVESTIGATION

Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field: Committee continued its hearings on the activities of the International Union of Operating Engineers, with testimony from James Mundie, a Treasury Department investigator; Alphonse Calabrese, a committee investigator; Marshall T. Gould, a GAO investigator; Cecil Eraund, captain of a yacht owned by William E. Maloney, international president; IUOE; Miss Elizabeth Leahy, of Silver Spring, Md., an IUOE bookkeeper; and James R. Bansley, a CPA of Chicago.

Further testimony as to such activities in the Illinois area was taken from Stephen Healy, president, S. A. Healy Co., Hinsdale, Ill., and as to activities in the New Jersey area from Raymond Fisher, president, Public Constructors, Inc., Almonesson, N. J.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 45 public bills, H. R. 10368-10412; 7 private bills, H. R. 10413-10419; and 22 resolutions, H. J. Res. 518-521, H. Con. Res. 247-255, and H. Res. 459-467, were introduced.

Pages 1371-1372, 1394-1395

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Six private bills, S. 652, 1714, H. R. 7057, 8134, 9396, and 9878 (H. Repts. 1305-1310, respectively);

H. R. 9371, to provide for the relief of certain members and former members of the Army and the Air Force (H. Rept. 1311);

H. Res. 426, authorizing funds for the operation of the Committee on Un-American Activities (H. Rept. 1312);

H. Res. 459, providing for the consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 8290, to authorize erection of Freedom Shrine (H. Rept. 1313);

H. Res. 460, closed rule providing for 2 hours of debate on H. R. 2151, relative to import duties on certain coarse wool (H. Rept. 1314);

H. Res. 461, providing for the consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, S. J. Res. 39, to provide for a more adequate supply of water for irrigation purposes in the Pecos River Basin, N. Mex. and Tex. (H. Rept. 1315);

H. Res. 462, providing for the consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 4215, amending Organic Act of Guam (H. Rept. 1316);

H. Res. 463, providing for the consideration of, and 2 hours of debate on, H. J. Res. 2, to provide for transfer of right-of-way for Yellowtail Dam and Reservoir, Hardin unit, Missouri River Basin project, and payment to Crow Indian Tribe in connection therewith (H. Rept. 1317);

H. Res. 464, providing for the consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 1244, to provide for the development of Independence National Historical Park (H. Rept. 1318);

H. Res. 465, providing for the consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 912, to amend Navy ration statute so as to provide for the serving of oleomargarine or margarine (H. Rept. 1319); and

H. R. 8439, cancellation of certain bonds posted pursuant to Immigration Act of 1924 or the Immigration and Nationality Act (H. Rept. 1320).

Pages 1371-1372, 1393-1394

President's Message—Reciprocal Trade: Received and read a message from the President requesting the enactment of legislation that will permit a continuation of the reciprocal trade agreements program on an effective basis for a minimum of 5 additional years past June 30, 1958. The message was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. 320).

Pages 1362-1363

Committee Expenses: By a voice vote the House adopted H. Res. 426, authorizing \$305,000 for expenses of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Order of Business: Agreed to dispense with call of the Private Calendar on Tuesday next and to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of February 5.

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Taxation of Life-Insurance Companies: By a voice vote the House passed H. R. 10021, to provide that the 1955 formula for taxing income of life-insurance companies shall also apply to taxable years beginning in 1957. H. Res. 456, the open rule for the consideration of the bill, had been adopted earlier.

Pages 1367-1371

Bills Referred: Two Senate-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:45 p. m.

Committee Meetings

FEED GRAIN PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Feed Grains continued hearings on program proposals for feed grain producers. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Resumed executive inquiry regarding the national defense. Received concluding testimony from Army Department witnesses among whom were Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker and Acting Chief of Staff Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer. Navy Department witnesses will be heard tomorrow in executive session.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on S. 1451 and H. R. 7026, Financial Institutions Act. Received testimony from the Credit Union National Association and the Great Western Savings & Loan Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on General Education continued hearings on Public Laws 815 and 874, 81st Congress, relating to construction and maintenance of school facilities in areas affected by Federal activities. Testimony was received from Representative Gathings and public-school officials.

Hearings on this legislation are scheduled to be concluded tomorrow.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on General Government Activities met in executive ses-

sion for the purpose of considering its agenda for the current session and other business. Also ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. J. Res. 427 (amended), to grant to Kerr County, Tex., the reversionary interest of the United States in certain real property.

Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs met in executive session for the purpose of considering pending committee business. Will meet in executive session on Thursday, February 6, to discuss subcommittee report on false and misleading advertising as related to weight-reducing preparations and filter cigarettes.

CARTER-LECOMPTE CONTEST

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections received testimony in public hearing on the Carter-LeCompte contest, Fourth Congressional District, Iowa. Hearing will be concluded tomorrow.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs held hearing but took no action on H. R. 9737, to provide for the acquisition by the United States of tribal lands of the Klamath Tribe of Indians.

Hearings continue tomorrow on the following pending Indian bills: H. R. 6090, 5098, S. 1742, 328, and 864.

SEC

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight continued hearings with respect to certain Government agencies to determine whether or not there has been variation from intent of the Congress in setting up and granting powers to such agencies. Testimony was received today from Edward N. Gadsby, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, who will be heard again at a later date.

Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Science concluded hearings on H. R. 6771, to make certain grants-in-aid for the support of public or nonprofit educational institutions which provide training and services in the fields of public health.

OBSCENE LITERATURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 concluded hearings on the following bills, all relating to obscene literature: H. R. 2542, 3663, 6239, 3033, 3498, and 7829.

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Subcommittee met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 10378, to exempt certain aspects of designated professional team sports from the antitrust laws.

CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee 11 private claim bills (10 of the House and 1 of the Senate) and ordered adversely reported 2 private claim bills of the House.

MANPOWER UTILIZATION

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Manpower Utilization heard representatives of the International Cooperation Administration and will resume the hearing on Tuesday, February 4, at 10 a. m.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT

Committee on Public Works: Continued hearings on H. R. 9821, Federal Highway Act of 1958, and received testimony from the Associated General Contractors and the American Road Builders Association. Adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, when Interior, Agriculture, and Bureau of Public Roads witnesses, respectively, will be heard.

INDIAN COMPENSATION

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 2 hours of debate on H. J. Res. 2, to compensate the Crow Indian Tribe for the right-of-way for the Yellowtail Dam and Reservoir. Heard on the rule were Representatives Engle, Metcalf, Miller of Nebraska, Saylor, and Thomson of Wyoming.

INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on H. R. 1244, to authorize funds for the development of Independence National Historical Park. Heard on the rule were Representatives Engle, Byrne of Pennsylvania, Saylor, and Miller of Nebraska.

GUAM

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on H. R. 4215, amending Organic Act of Guam so as to grant to the district court of Guam the jurisdiction of a district court of the United States. Heard on the rule were Representatives Engle and Saylor.

DEMOCRACY MONUMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on H. R. 8290, to authorize the erection of a

national monument symbolizing the ideals of democracy. Heard on the rule was Representative Aspinall.

PECOS RIVER

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on S. J. Res. 39, relating to improvements in the Pecos River Basin project, New Mexico and Texas. Heard on the rule were Representatives Engle, Rutherford, Miller of Nebraska, and Saylor.

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Rules: Met in executive session and granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on H. R. 912, to permit the Navy to serve oleomargarine as part of its authorized ration.

WOOL IMPORT DUTIES

Committee on Rules: Met in executive session and granted a closed rule with 2 hours of debate on H. R. 2151, to amend certain provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 relative to import duties on certain coarse wool.

GENERAL REVENUE REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on general revenue revision, received testimony from public witnesses, and continue tomorrow.

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Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Subcommittee on Agreements for Cooperation continued its executive consideration of proposed amendments to the Atomic Energy Act regarding exchange of information and materials, with testimony from the following AEC officials: Chairman Lewis L. Strauss; Commissioners W. F. Libby, Harold S. Vance, John S. Graham, and John F. Floberg; General Manager K. E. Fields; Deputy General Manager R. W. Cook; Acting General Counsel Edward Diamond; and Alfred D. Starbird, Director, Division of Military Application.

Hearings continue tomorrow with testimony from representatives of the Departments of State and Defense.

PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Economic Committee: Continuing its hearings on the President's economic report, committee heard testimony from Roy Battles, National Grange, and Angus McDonald, National Farmers Union, who directed their remarks to agricultural aspects of the report; Ralph W. Robey, National Association of Manufacturers, who discussed business aspects of the report; and Peter Henle, AFL-CIO, who testified regarding labor aspects of the report.

Hearings will continue on Monday, February 3.